



Northwest student Abbey Hillmer works in the Nodaway County Senior Center packaging meals for the seniors in the area for the Meals on Wheels program.

Senior citizens threatened by cuts

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President Trump’s proposed \$1.1 trillion budget aims to cut grants and programs which provide help to senior citizens across the nation.

The budget blueprint was released March 16 and outlines a number of cuts Trump would like to make to programs nationwide.

According to CNN, one of the programs that will be cut is the Community Development Block Grant program. The \$3 billion program provides money for a variety of community development and anti-poverty programs, including

the Meals on Wheels program.

The Meals on Wheels program helps bring meals to senior citizens who are homebound or unable to get to the grocery store themselves. The meals are often pre-made and only need to be heated up.

As of 2017, 99,556 seniors in Missouri have been served by the Meals on Wheels program and 215,595 seniors nationwide are threatened by hunger, according to the Meals on Wheel program.

The Nodaway County Senior Center runs a similar program which, while not funded by Meals on Wheels itself, brings meals to seniors and helps keep many from

moving into nursing homes.

Nodaway County Senior Center Administrator Amie Firavich believes meal delivery services deliver more than just meals. Services like the one offered at the Senior Center and Meals on Wheels also provide seniors with a new take on life and a sense of wellbeing.

“The service is important to the people who receive the meals because some of those individuals do not have family in the area, so it is someone to check up on them,” Firavich said. “We deliver Monday through Friday, so someone is always going in and checking on them, at least once a day.”

Firavich believes Meals on

Wheels and similar programs do not just provide food, but they provide a new outlook on life for senior citizens.

“There have been people around the area that have passed away in their homes, and they had been in their home for a week and nobody even knew,” Firavich said. “That’s no way to die. Without these wellness checks that we provide through the meal delivery service, this could happen a lot more.”

The program also provides nutritious meals that senior citizens might not be able to get otherwise.

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Voters help library stay afloat

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A property tax levy increase benefiting the Maryville Public Library passed April 4, allowing community tax funds to further support a building built for its community.

The proposition passed after tallying votes from around the Maryville community, which totalled 941 yes votes and 239 no votes. The increase will raise the property tax of 16 cents per every \$100 to 28 cents per \$100. Increased revenue will equal approximately \$150,000 and raise the average Maryville residents’ bill by about 1.5 percent.

The library has not received a levy increase since 1962, when voters set the rate at 25 cents, according to a pamphlet issued by the Maryville Public Library. The ceiling was later lowered to 16 cents after the passing of Missouri’s Hancock Amendment. Restoration of the 1962 rate and an addition of three cents brings the total count to 28 cents per \$100.

Following the totalling of the votes, City Manager Greg McDanel said it was nice to see the Maryville Public Library receiving funding after this long of a hiatus.

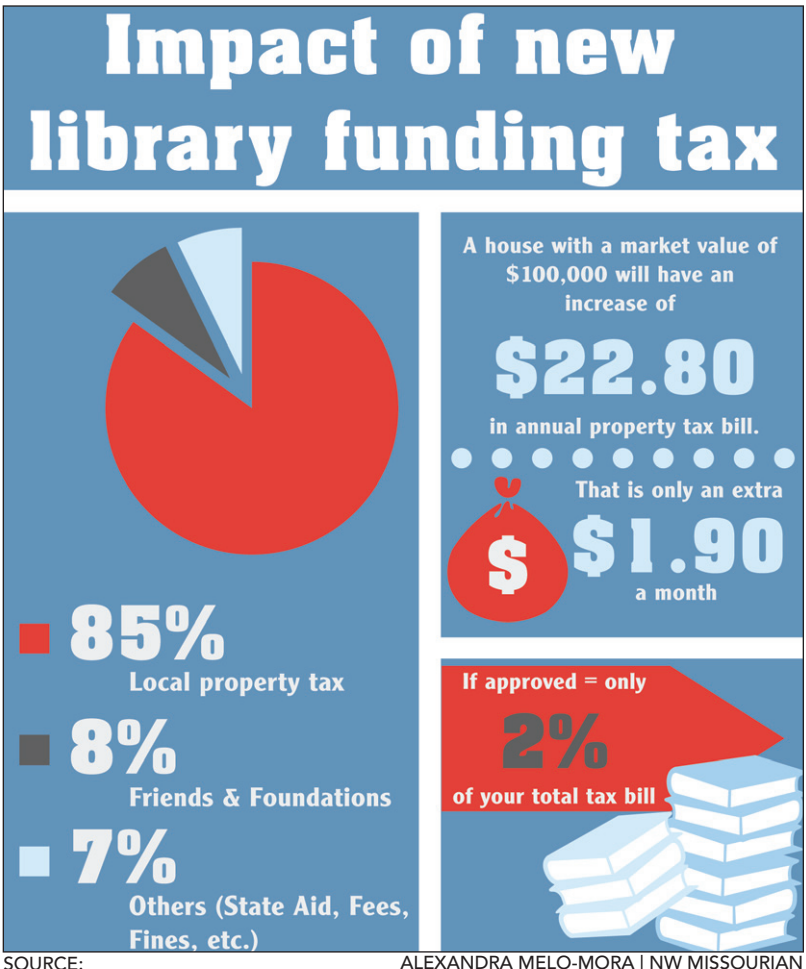
“Two major initiatives were passed tonight. One, an increase in funding in the library and two, the continuance for the Capital Improvement Plan,” McDanel said.

“It’s nice to see the library get some additional funding with an increase in property taxes. Clearly there have been a lot of costs that have increased since then. To be able to keep up with maintenance for their facility and also to support new programs, it was critical for it to get approved

this evening.”

The Maryville Public Library recently took measures to reduce library costs, according to its levy issue pamphlet.

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RACHAEL MARTIN



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Martin and Lipec elected to Council

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Maryville voters appointed two candidates to the Maryville City Council during the April 4 election.

Voters re-elected Rachael Martin (638 votes), with Midwest Bank, and elected Benjamin Lipec (635 votes), with Nucor LMP, to the local council of government. Martin and Lipec ran for City Council alongside Michael Baumli (441 votes), with Kawaski Motors, and Kevin Hawkins (396), with University Police. Martin will serve her second three-year term on the Council, while Lipec will serve his first. Lipec said he is excited and looking forward to serving on the Council.

“I look forward to working with

the group to make Maryville successful,” Lipec said. “I hope to work with everybody and make Maryville a financially successful, opportunistic city to grow economically.”

Martin said she is excited to continue to serve on the Council, and is very grateful.

“I’m grateful that the voters agreed with what I’ve done so far to give me another go at it,” Martin said.

Martin also said she looks forward to adding another piece to the puzzle.

“(I look forward to) wrapping up some projects that we’re in the middle of and starting some new ones that we’ve been talking about for some time now, and to continue working towards those master plans,” Martin said.



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The average renter's insurance policy costs between \$15 and \$30 per month and many insurers will reduce your premiums if you have fire or burglar alarms, fire extinguishers, sprinkler systems and/or deadbolts on exterior doors.

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Maryville climate stays the same despite national trends

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Maryville climate remains relatively the same despite evidence of global warming.

January 2017 was the third warmest January on record, but Maryville may not be seeing the same effects.

According to a monthly temperature analysis completed by NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS), January was the third warmest January in the 137 years the organization has recorded. NASA's Global Climate Change website says the global temperature has risen 1.7 degrees Fahrenheit, in total, since 1880.

Assistant Professor of Natural Sciences Arghya Goswami, suggests that although there is evidence for global warming, it might not be what local regions suggest.

"Although global data patterns suggest global warming, you may see places where the trend is very different, either no change or even the opposite of the global trend,"

Goswami said.

Although the increase in global temperature may not seem significant, NASA informs residents that the Arctic ice minimum has decreased by 13.3 percent this past decade. The Arctic ice minimum is measured in the warmest month for the region, September, to see how much ice remains. The minimum ice measurement directly impacts the sea levels.

NASA reports sea levels are increasing 3.4 millimeters a year, and has risen seven inches in the last century.

As for the Maryville region, Goswami utilized data from the National Weather Service Forecast Office to look at the climate trend. He analyzed available data from 1894 to 2017 and found that the average temperature in Maryville has remained relatively the same.

Using information from the National Weather Service Forecast Office, Goswami found that snowfall has decreased in the Maryville area from 1918 to 2013.

Goswami also found Maryville

contradicts the national findings in terms of heating and cooling degree days. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) describes heating and cooling degree days as indicators for changing temperatures from the perspective of heating and cooling buildings to keep the buildings at an average of 65 degrees Fahrenheit.

As Goswami plotted regional data for Maryville, he found that heating degree days are increasing while cooling degree days are decreasing. According to the EPA, this is just the opposite nationwide.

"Heating degree days have declined in the contiguous United States, particularly in recent years, as the climate has warmed," EPA's website said. "Overall, cooling degree days have increased over the past 100 years."

According to the National Climate Assessment, Missouri has had the mildest change in rising temperatures when compared to the rest of the Midwest.

"Warming has been more rapid at night and during (the) winter," the

National Climate Assessment said.

The National Climate Assessment also said that in the future, the Midwest can see intense heat waves and increased humidity, which will devalue air quality.

Several severe weather events have been increasing in the Midwest due to the change in climate, according to the National Climate Assessment.

Although the rise in weather can be seen as helpful to the agricultural sector in the Midwest, this is offset due to the rise in extreme weather conditions.

"The Midwest growing season (has) lengthened by almost two weeks since 1950," the National Climate Assessment's website said. "... Those benefits will be progressively offset by extreme weather."

One point of data that remains the same from Goswami's findings and the National Climate Assessment's website is precipitation.

Precipitation has increased in Maryville and the Midwest regionally. National Climate Assessment has found that spring precipitation has

increased, on average, by 40 percent in the last 10 years.

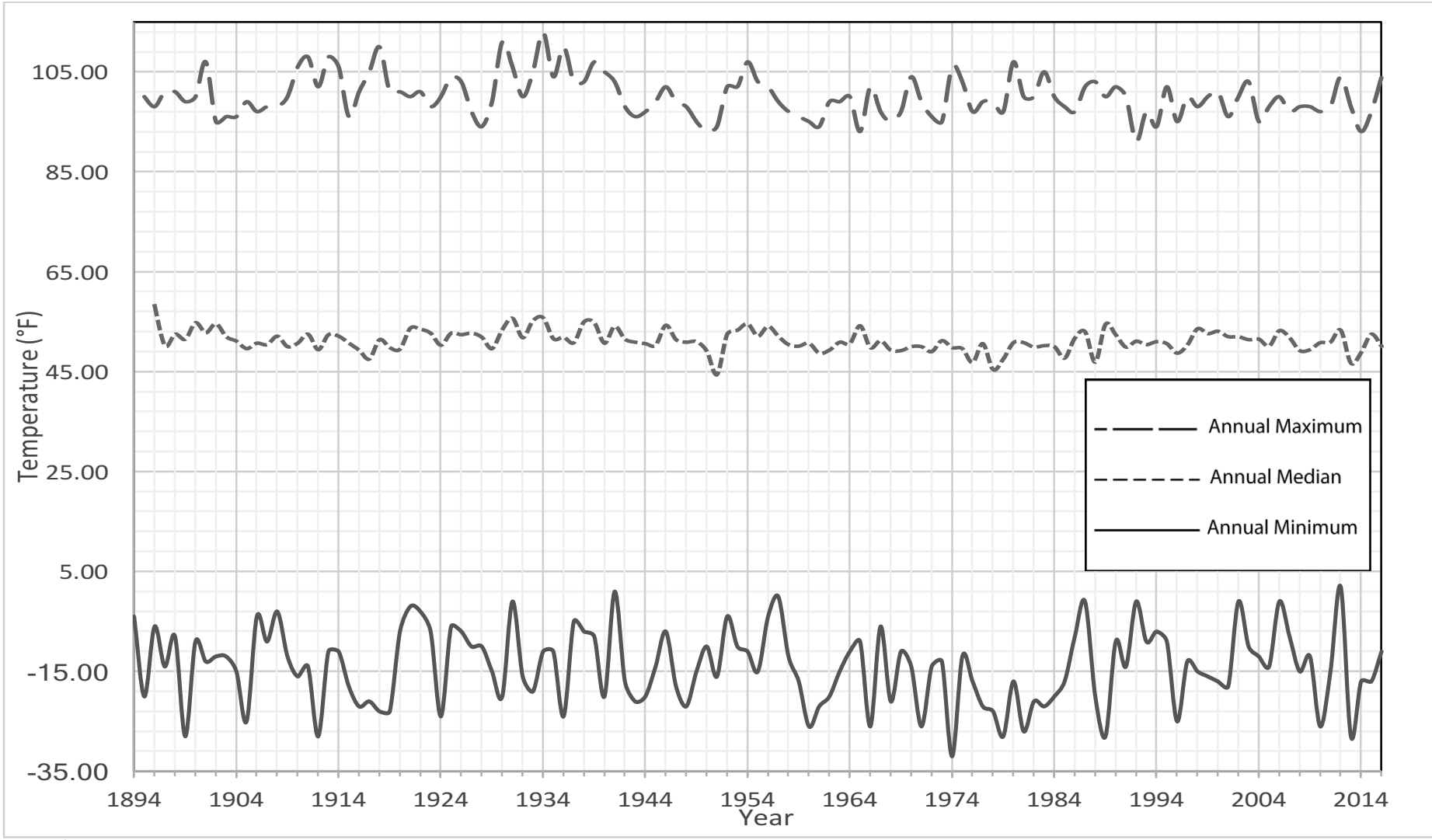
After looking at overall data and plots, Goswami believes that Maryville climate remains relatively the same despite there being evidence of global warming.

It seems that climate change is not impacting Maryville as much as the rest of the world. But there are ways we can help reduce the impact of climate change.

The EPA suggests there are 25 ways an individual can have an impact on climate change in their home, school, office and on the road. Small changes in each of these places can help reduce the emissions of greenhouse gasses. At home, school and work, it is as easy as recycling.

The EPA also suggests the use of public transportation, carpooling, walking and biking to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases on the road.

"Leaving your car at home just two days a week can reduce your greenhouse gas emissions by an average of two tons per year," the EPA said.




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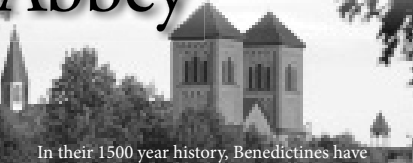
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Auto-pilot cars yield ethics issues



The roadways of the future may soon be dotted with thousands of autonomous vehicles.

Driverless cars will swerve in and out of lanes, maneuver inter-sections and merge at speeds greater than 60 mph. For some, the future is nerve-wracking and mildly to extremely frightening.

For others, the implementation is a sci-fi utopian dream come true. Truthfully, it is a blessing tied to a train of ethical issues on the verge of crashing into the public eye.

Autonomous vehicles have made great strides in safety. In December, Alphabet (Google’s parent company) announced its fleet of auton-omous cars had completed more than 1,500,000 miles on the roadways.

The National Transportation Safety Board stated that Tesla car

crash rates dropped by 40 percent after their autopilot was installed. These achievements take auton-omous vehicles one step closer to dominating highways across the United States.

Consulting firm McKinsey and Company estimated autonomous veh-icles could prevent up to \$190 bil-lion in damages and health costs, as well as reduce the frequency of au-tomobile accidents by 90 percent. However, safety is not the only ben-efit driverless cars may provide.

This new innovation offers a slew of benefits. An increased roadway ca-pacity combined with minimal traf-fic congestion would translate to better fuel efficiency and consumption. This equals less air pollution as well as a re-duced carbon footprint.

Automated cars could also reduce labor costs, provide increased mobi-lity to children and the elderly, increase leisure time and provide safe trans-portation for those who are impaired.

Unfortunately, none of this means someone will not die while in a self-driving car. There has al-ready been one confirmed death of

a person in an autonomous vehicle. A Tesla Model S electric car was en-gaged in autopilot mode when it col-lided with a tractor-trailer last May. The collision resulted in the first known autopilot death in more than 130 million miles driven by other Model S autopilot users.

The death sparked an enor-mous ethical debate centered on var-ious issues. These issues include the criminal, financial and moral re-sponsibility for crashes, privacy is-sues and the decisions an automat-ed car is to make before a fatal crash.

Not much has been said on the responsibilities that come with a crash. Car manufacturers will always share a portion of the faults, as it is their software controlling the vehicle.

However, the possibilities sur-rounding a vehicular accident are al-most limitless. Morality questions how automated cars assess scenarios involving multiple deaths in any in-cident. A Google spokesperson stat-ed that the answer is to “slam on the brakes” the majority of the time.

The statement leaves more ques-tions than answers. Consumers’ un-

answered worries and fears serve as a reminder that the future of automated cars is not a guaranteed utopia.

Privacy issues stem from the in-terconnectivity of autonomous cars. These cars act as mobile devices, tracking and gathering any infor-mation about an individual. Infor-mation taken includes routes tak-en, voice/video recording, behavio-ral patterns and preferences in media.

Some of these issues have yet to make into the public spotlight or legislation. In other words, automat-ed cars are a ticking-time-bomb of debate that Americans are avoiding. These issues will gain traction as au-tomated cars make their way onto roadways in larger numbers.

Unfortunately, it is likely these questions will remain unanswered until absolutely necessary, such as after another fatal collision.

Morally, autonomous vehicles are cleared. A 90 percent reduction in automobile collisions cannot be ig-nored. These cars will line roadways in the near future. And, when they do, the future of artificial intelligence ethics will finally come to light..

College athletes deserve more than tuition



Every year, college athletes bring in millions of dollars in revenue, yet do not see a penny of it for themselves.

In 2011, the NCAA and CBS/ Turner Sports for March Madness made a deal that was worth \$10.8 bil-lion. Yes, you read that right: billion. From 2011-2024 we are looking at \$10.8 billion dollars for three week-ends’ worth of television per year.

If you switch over to ESPN, their previous contacted deal was worth \$500 million over a four year span.

After looking at those numbers, people have to realize they have not accounted for the merchandise be-ing sold to support these athletes, the hotel compensation or the restaurant expenses.

My biggest question is if every-body else can make money off of these players, why do the actual play-ers who are making the money not make any money for themselves?

The athletes are the ones out there putting their health and ca-reers at risk. It would be different in basketball if the athletes still got to choose to go to school or to profes-sional basketball.

But since they do not, they are forced into one year of college bas-ketball, which is putting them at risk of a major injury, strictly for the prof-it of NCAA and college institutions.

In college football, it is even worse. Players have to attend three college football seasons before be-ing allowed to go on to the NFL draft. In football, these years are more needed than college basket-ball because most players’ bodies are not ready for the vigorous NFL lifestyle.

The argument many make to not pay athletes is that college ath-letes are already being paid through scholarships and housing is pre-posterous. Yes, most college ath-letes do have some sort of schol-arship, but let us not forget the 40 plus hours those student athletes put in for the sport, on top of their schooling.

Injuries happen every year in sports; it is a part of the game and every athlete knows it. But, to make these kids play without pay for a certain amount of time is put-ting them at risk of never making it into the professional league. While many will use their sports scholar-ship to get their degree, others use sports as a way of life and as a way to help their families back home.

In 2013, a Louisville player suffered a horrific injury to his low-er leg while playing in the NCAA tournament. Luckily, this player was able to come back from this in-jury and play again.

Unfortunately, that is not always the case for college athletes. Players have become paralyzed by hits or tackles on football fields or have re-ceived other injuries that have ended their careers early.

These athletes are sacrificing their bodies and their physical health for a chance to play the game they love, and hopefully to make it to the next level and start making money.

These athletes, the limelight of the sports world, should see more of the money they are making for the rest of the parties involved. It is only right.

OUR VIEW:

Budget cuts slash the nation’s needed programs

President Trump’s 2018 bud-get will make major cuts to many departments and programs, while completely eliminating others.

The White House’s report shows major department cuts including 31.4 percent from the Environmen-tal Protection Agency, 28.7 percent from the Department of State and 20.7 percent each from the Depart-ment of Labor and the Department of Agriculture.

Program budget cuts include re-ductions or elimination of 20 pro-grams within the Department of Education, elimination of the USDA Water and Wastewater program and elimination of Community Devel-opment Block Grant, which in part funds Meals on Wheels.

It comes as no surprise that the only departments receiving a boost in budget will be Defense, Home-land Security and Veteran Affairs.

According to CNN, the bud-get cuts total \$54 million. Although budget cuts are necessary and will

save money, we need the specific departments and programs whose budgets are being cut.

Global warming is happening. It is not up for discussion. The En-vironmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) mission is to protect human health and the environment. Mak-ing cuts to the EPA will not only en-danger Americans, it will harm the Earth.

According to the Department of State’s website, it is “responsible for promoting peace and stability in ar-eas of vital interest to America, and helping developing nations estab-lish stable economic environments.” Making such major cuts to this de-partment will be detrimental to the United States’ relationships with other countries.

Budget cuts to the Department of Labor will greatly affect people in the workforce, who depend on it to regulate working conditions, re-tirement and healthcare benefits, minimum wage and unemployment.

When we cut this budget, we will personally be affected in the future.

The Department of Agriculture oversees farming as a whole in the United States, including inspecting our food and making sure it is safe for us. When we make cuts to the Department of Agriculture, we are potentially making cuts to our own nation’s food sources. Furthermore, the Department of Agriculture is in charge of the food stamps program.

Because Betsy DeVos was ap-pointed Secretary of Education, it is not shocking to see these cuts to education programs but is still very upsetting.

As cliché as it may be, children are literally the future of America. If we do not spend the proper time and money educating them, what will happen to the United States when it is their time to run the country? By making these budget and program cuts, we are setting our children up for failure.

With the water problem in Flint,

Michigan and other cities in Ameri-ca, there is no reason to be making cuts to any program working toward providing clean drinking water and sanitary sewage systems to our cit-izens. Without these programs and grants, people in our country will miss out on a basic human necessity.

Another program elimination is the Community Development Block grant. This grant helps fund Meals on Wheels. Meals on Wheels, a na-tionwide food service program, helps feed 2.4 million elderly citi-zens annually, according to the or-ganization’s website. Defunding this program will greatly affect people in all communities.

The United States spends a mas-sive amount of money each year, and in 2016, the federal deficit was \$587 billion. Budget cuts are obvi-ously necessary but our politicians need to rethink the departments and programs they are cutting.

Voters renew sales tax

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The citizens of Maryville approved an extension of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) tax during the April 4 election to allow the city time for bigger and better projects. The city of Maryville placed the CIP tax extension on the ballot, which was approved by 897 yes votes, while 392 residents voted no. The CIP tax is a half-cent sales tax to help improve conditions such as road repairs, city-owned building updates and city employee equipment. The question called for the CIP tax to be extended to a 20 year renewal period from a 10 year renewal period. City Manager Greg McDanel said there are three major projects planned in the near future. “We just want to say thank you to the citizens and the voters who supported the CIP renewal,” McDanel said. “It’s going to allow us to do great things for the next 20 years for street

conditions, South Main and of course, showing our law enforcement personnel and firefighters that we appreciate them with a new facility—one that meets their needs for service.” The tax extension was originally proposed as a no sunset law, which means that the voters would no longer have to vote on the tax. Instead, the Maryville City Council settled for a 20 year renewal. McDanel said this provided voters with more of a say in funding for city improvements while still giving them better results. “We had discussed no sunset and the Council suggested 10 year (renewal), so it was nice that the Council settled on a 20 year (renewal) to allow some accountability, coming back to voters (and) showing them what we’ve done and how we can move forward,” McDanel said. Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood explained the difference between having a 10 year renewal period and a 20 year renewal period.

“The time extension makes a difference as to how the tax can be spent. Of course 20 years of reflection is twice as much as 10 years, which also allows you to leverage the money up front and also makes the banks more invested since they see that you’ll have that revenue for 20 years. They’ll give you a better note, or rate, in length of term,” Wood said. The tax before the ballot was set to expire in 2018. Since the question was approved, the tax will not have to be reapproved until 2038. The biggest appeal for the tax is that it is helping public safety personnel. Wood said that extending the tax will allow for more time and money to be put into city projects. “There’s a lot of money in there for future streets, some significant equipment upgrades for various departments throughout the city, but again I think it’s a good thing for the entire city of Maryville in general,” Wood said.

NEWS BRIEF

Active shooter drill to shut down Ninth Street and two campus parking lots

Northwest announces the upcoming closure of roads and parking lots on campus. The University will close Ninth Street, from North College Drive to Walnut, Lot 18, behind Wells Hall and Lot 20, behind the Valk Center, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 8. University Police encourage residents travelling from the east use Seventh Street during the closure of Ninth Street. The closures come after the University’s decision to host a scenario involving an active shooter on campus. The exercise, known as FX17, will gauge local law enforcement’s response to an active shooter situation. University Police Chief Clarence Green said the exercise is a learning opportunity for staff and faculty.

“This will be a great profession-based learning experience for most of our students in journalism and mass media, emergency management and education,” Green said in a University press release. Northwest Emergency Management Coordinator Lt. Mike Ceperly encourages residents to be alert and aware during the training. “Be aware that the training is going on; there (will) be a lot going on,” Lt. Ceperly said. “There will be responders and personnel across campus, so don’t be alarmed.” For more information about the active shooter training exercise, contact Lt. Mike Ceperly at cep@nwmissouri.edu or 660-562-1254.



Northwest student Abbey Hillmer works in the Nodaway County Senior Center in packing different meals for the senior citizens in the area. ANNASTASIA TUTTLE | NW MISSOURIAN

LIBRARY CONTINUED FROM A1

Replacement of all lighting with efficient LED fixtures, rebidding of internet service and rebidding of elevator maintenance assisted in decreases of annual costs. Maryville Public Library Director Stephanie Patterson said the

increase will help the Maryville Public Library fund more community programs for both youth and adults. “We are so grateful for the community coming together to help support something that so many people use and come to,” Patterson said. “The money will help with the funding of new programs and staff positions to get us better involved in the Maryville

community. We have been wanting to include ourselves more for a while now, but with the budget restrictions, we haven’t had the chance to yet.” New tax revenue will go towards the creation of a building maintenance fund, restoring adequate staff levels, matching dollars to restore the library’s ability to leverage grants and will help them catch up to state stan-

dards regarding book and digital resource expenditures. “The library hasn’t been able to fund a full-time children’s librarian in decades,” the library brochure said. “This increase would allow the library to hire a full-time education professional to keep the library up-to-date with learning trends, lead partnerships

and outreach to Maryville day-care centers and schools, including city-wide kindergarten readiness programs.” Two percent of Maryville’s resident total tax bill pays for up to 85 percent of the library’s annual operating costs. The library is not funded by Maryville tax revenue.

MEALS CONTINUED FROM A1

“The other thing (is) it is a well-balanced meal, so they are getting at least one balanced meal per day,” Firavich said. “Some individuals who don’t eat a whole lot will have one meal for lunch and dinner, and they are at least getting that nutrition. That leaves the other two meals for them to still feel like they’re independent, so that they can get the meals on their own.” According to the budget blueprint, the federal government has spent over \$150 billion on the Community Development Block Grant program since its inception in 1974, but the program is not well-targeted to the poorest populations and has not demonstrated results. However, while the budget does not necessarily target the Meals on Wheels program, it fails to take into account the effect the elimination of this block grant may have on the program. In an article published by CNN, Meals on Wheels spokeswoman Jenny Bertollette believes the budget will, in some way, have an adverse effect on the program. “It is difficult to imagine a scenario in which they will not be significantly and negatively impacted if the President’s budget were enacted,” Bertollette said. For Firavich, the whole idea comes back to the people the program is supposed to help. By cutting the budget and possibly the program itself, she believes it would negatively impact senior citizens, not just in Nodaway County, but all over the nation. “It would be a very poor choice because some of these individuals rely on our meals. I think it is going to put people in nursing homes sooner,” Firavich said. “It takes away all the reason of why we do what we do.”

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A woman in Tennessee found a surprise in her bag of cheetos. She purchased the bag in question from Walgreens and posted the image on social media. A recent cheeto that looked like Harambe sold on Ebay for \$99,000. Unfortunately, hunger won out and she ate the cheeto. Frito-Lay has yet to comment on the cheeto.



SOURCE: HUFFINGTONPOST.COM

Spiders are going to eat us all. A recent study discovered that if spiders ever turned on humanity and decided to eat us all for dinner, they could eat us within a year. There are 45,000 different species of spiders worldwide. Some spiders can travel up to 30 kilometers a day, so if they ever do turn on us, look out.

Colin Furze, a youtuber in England, has built one of the fastest bumper cars in history. He recently unveiled his bumper car that can go up to 100 miles per hour. The car was created for the show “Top Gear.” Guinness World Records recently verified that Furze’s bumper car is the fastest bumper car on record.



SOURCE: GUINNESSWORLDRECORDS.COM

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CROSSWORD

By Peter A Collins

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Clues Across

- 1. “Be back later”
- 4. Hoover’s office
- 7. Brew
- 8. Philo and Reglis are two (“Star Wars”)
- 10. Actress Remini
- 12. Moghul emperor
- 13. Alaskan glacier
- 14. Constrictor
- 16. Prohibit
- 17. Ancient Brittonic tribe
- 19. Chinese pastry
- 20. Razorbill is of this genus
- 21. Beloved holiday decoration
- 25. Dutch football club
- 26. Aggressive dog
- 27. Small piece of glass
- 29. “South Park” creator __ Parker
- 30. Leisure activity
- 31. Someone’s story
- 32. Record-setting swimmer
- 39. Hillside
- 41. Unit of measurement
- 42. Famous for its potatoes
- 43. Insect secretion
- 44. Gate in Marrakesh
- 45. Cain and __
- 46. A set of moral principles
- 48. Repair
- 49. Two-terminal semiconductor device
- 50. Strongly alkaline solution
- 51. Former CIA
- 52. Satellite laser ranging

Clues Down

- 1. Sea
- 2. Cleans things
- 3. More skinny
- 4. Supervises flying
- 5. Talk rapidly and excitedly
- 6. Intestinal
- 8. Don’t know when yet
- 9. Soluble ribonucleic acid
- 11. Chinese and Vietnamese

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- 18. Makes up
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- 22. Windpipe
- 23. Million barrels per day (abbr.)
- 24. Bitterly regret
- 27. Soft creamy white cheese
- 28. Renamed when EU was incorporated
- 29. ‘__ death do us part
- 31. Sound unit
- 32. Men proud of their masculinity
- 33. Clergy member’s vestment
- 34. Hello
- 35. Mild yellow Dutch cheese made in balls
- 36. Marks
- 37. Derived from benzene
- 38. Low-melting alloy
- 39. Lost blood
- 40. Quantitative relation
- 44. Academic degree
- 47. Many subconsciouses

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Raegan Wagner

Senior makes her own family at Northwest

MICHAEL CRIPE
A&E Reporter | @MikeCripe

“It doesn’t matter if you’re blood related; what matters is those relationships you have with people,” senior Raegan Wagner said.

Wagner, a communications major with an emphasis in public relations, has almost always been able to find a purpose in helping others during her time at Northwest.

Wagner came to Northwest reluctant to leave home. Her move-in day caused her a lot of anxiety, as her parents would be leaving her by herself for the first time.

“I am so close with my parents. When they dropped me off in Millikan, I was still telling them goodbye while I was going to my floor meeting,” Wagner said. “I never thought I’d make it past first semester, but now I have developed into this person, and I just do not want to leave Maryville.”

From being alone to personally knowing more than her fair share of other Bearcats, Wagner has climbed her way to the top over four years. It was not without the help of the family she created.

Wagner says this family-oriented way of living goes way back, starting with some of her favorite memories.

“My sister and I had knock-down-drag-out fights over clothes,” Wagner said. “I came back from my spring break trip and she texted me because she saw her clothes in my pictures.”

Sister bonding memories are not the only contribution to a strong reliance on family though. Wagner says her parents have always been great at guiding her through the hard times.

“I grew up in a great household, so I really am blessed to have that,” Wagner said. “Getting to where I was, I never thought I would get through college. My parents did a great job of making sure everything was normal for my sister and me.”

Wagner learned one lesson from her parents after a falling-out on her father’s side of the family when she was younger.

“Just because you’re blood related doesn’t mean those people are always going to be there for you,” Wagner said.

She takes this lesson and applies it daily.

“That’s just kind of what I had to learn, so I am very blessed for the people in and outside of family that I do have,” Wagner said. “All of my friends here and all of their families are like my second family.”

Wagner took this lesson and ran with it. Right after starting classes, she decided to join Phi Mu and met some of her best friends. During her time at Phi Mu, Wagner’s relationship with her friend, senior Jessica Feltner, grew.

Wagner and Feltner met their freshman year in their dorms and both made the decision to join Phi Mu together.

Feltner has nothing but positive things to say about Wagner.

“I think others view her as extremely confident because she carries herself well and knows what she is capable of doing and what she wants to achieve,” Feltner said. “People are naturally drawn toward her because she is so welcoming and inviting.”

Comments like these helped Wagner secure her position as recruitment chair of Phi Mu her junior year. Feltner also lead next to Wagner



SUBMITTED

Senior Raegan Wagner has always been passionate about make-up. She started her own business in January and already has five weddings booked.

as Phi Mu’s new member educator.

After beginning to build her own family tree in Phi Mu Wagner decided to back to her roots by joining the Northwest Dance Company.

“I have been dancing since I was three,” Wagner said. “This year, I went through a tough time in my life, so dance was an outlet for getting those emotions out. But it was sad, being the last year I could do it. I just love how you can express yourself in so many ways.”

It is the expressive nature of dance and its variety that has kept her coming back for 20 years. Ready to move on past college, Wagner must finally leave her love for dancing behind.

She is doing this knowing she made some of her greatest friends in the Northwest Dance Company.

From the beginning of her involvement in dancing at Northwest, Wagner had a position as the marketing chair in the Dance Company. Later, Wagner served first as vice president, then as president of the Dance Company.

“It’s going to be weird leaving that behind,” Wagner said. “I told the current president that I will be back for every show. I told them that if they ever need someone to come back and judge anything, I’d love to.”

Alongside holding two different positions within her organization, Wagner decided to apply for an internship with Northwest’s athletic department her junior year. She was able to gain a position as an athletic marketing intern.

“For all of the athletic events, we run the music and we do all of the setup,” Wagner said. “For volleyball and basketball, we run the promotions. We come up with ways to get people involved and increase fan engagement.”

Even though she was only an intern, Wagner pushed the limits

when it came to engaging and being a part of the lives of others. One of the friendships she made during her time as an intern was with senior Taylor Korte.

“Raegan is someone who knows how to work hard and is someone you can trust,” Korte said. “She has been a leader to me in many ways, and now she is a great friend.”

Korte described how she thinks others view Wagner, saying her go-getter attitude is maybe her most defining quality.

“Others think Raegan is a go-getter. She knows how to make anyone feel needed and valued and she recently started her own makeup business,” Korte said. “She inspires people to do what they want and to follow the thing you are passionate about.”

As Korte said, Wagner found the time to start her own makeup business this semester called “Make-Up by Raegan.”

“In January, I started ‘Make-Up by Raegan’ and I have already booked five weddings, and I have done a photoshoot for a blogger in Kansas City for her and her intern last weekend,” Wagner said. “I have always had a passion for makeup and like I said, I went through a time in my life where I just really needed to find myself and I said ‘Why not?’”

It was at this point that Wagner began to physically see the family she had built up through her college career.

“I posted my logo on my personal Instagram and explained what I was doing. I told everyone where they could follow the business,” Wagner said. “The response I got, I wasn’t expecting at all. I am lucky to have a lot of supportive people in my life who are willing to go on this journey with me. I just never had that much faith in myself to do something like that.”

Now less than a month from



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

Wagner has been dancing since she was 3 years old. After some difficult time this year, she used dance to express what she was feeling.

graduation, Wagner has managed to secure a position with ReDiscover, a non-profit organization.

“It’s a mental health organization and they help people of all ages,” Wagner said.

ReDiscover helps people obtain services for substance abuse and mental health services who might not normally be able to afford it.

Even though she is moving on, Wagner is certainly planning to maintain her makeup business on the side as well.

“It’s definitely something I want to do on the side as I start my ca-

reer to see how that works out for me. But if it ended up being my full time job, I would be perfectly content,” Wagner said.

Wagner is moving past Northwest, but her second home is a place she will never forget. Wagner wants to leave those remaining with some advice.

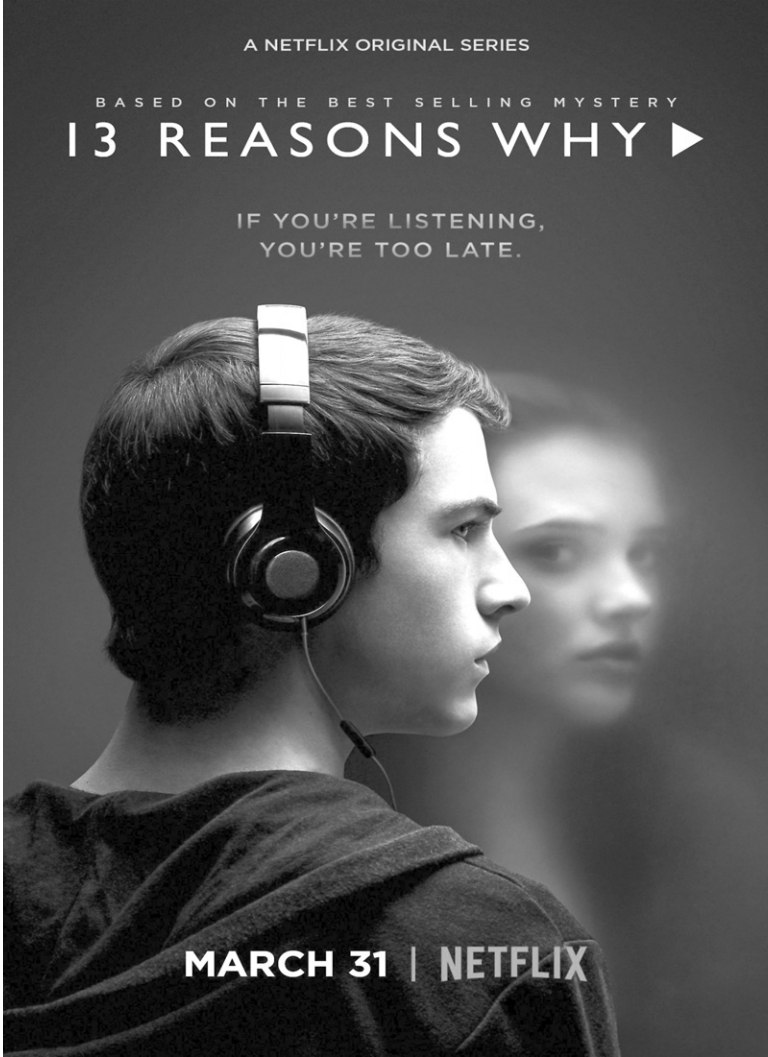
“You get out of it what you put in. If you do not know and you are worried about being involved, just try it,” Wagner said. “Just try to stick it out; try anything and try everything. If you do not like it, at least you can say you tried.”



SUBMITTED

Sorority sisters and Wagner (CENTER) have built close relationships with the women of Phi Mu. The sorority helped Wagner overcome her fears of leaving her family for college.

MAKE-UP
BY RAEGAN



13 Reasons Why

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Suicide is not something to ever joke about, but it is something we constantly live with in our world.

Netflix added a new show this past weekend. Originally a book published by Jay Asher in 2007, Netflix decided to take on the task of making it a series.

Lasting only one season and 13 episodes, “Thirteen Reasons Why” is just one good reason to take 13 hours to watch the entire thing in one day.

Hannah Baker, a 17-year-old girl who decided life was too hard and she would not be missed if she left, decided to take her own life. But before she did, she decided to record her story on cassette tapes, leaving a list of 13 reasons for why she took her life.

The show starts off with the leading male character, Clay Jensen, finding a box of tapes on his doorstep. Confused, he decided to listen to them. Hannah warns the listener the reason they are listening is because they are on the tapes. If

your name is called, you are one of the reasons why she decided to leave the Earth.

Each episode showed how each character is connected to Hannah and how they were involved in her life. Each episode has a new twist, a new turn and a new heart stopping fact.

You start to hate some of the characters and you might even get angry at Hannah.

But it is not about Hannah’s journey through the tapes. It is not about what each person did to Hannah. The one thing you think after finishing all 13 episodes is “why didn’t they listen?”

Suicide must be taken seriously. The person hurting sometimes might show signs, but it is about looking for the small ones.

Hannah cried out for help many times. People saw her so-called friends mistreat her on a daily basis. People lied and spread rumors about her, but no one did anything until it was too late.

Yes, this should be a show review, but it is so much deeper than that.

In life, we are going to encounter

thousands of people, whether it is through school, work or outside activities. But it is time to stop looking past the surface of people and start looking deeper.

Like I said, Hannah showed a lot of signs. Without trying to spill the entire plot of the show, she originally had 12 tapes, but she decided to give life one more try, and she made her 13th tape in that last try. The people she looked up to the most let her down and she knew she could not do it anymore.

There were so many major signs and sadly, Clay did not see them until he went through all the tapes and listened to each and every one.

No one, no family and no friends should have to live through the hurt of knowing there were signs that they either did not see or they did not do anything about. There are a lot of cruel people out there, and a lot of people are out there just to hurt others whether it is emotionally, physically or mentally.

It is time to take a step back and learn the lessons from the Liberty High School students about what suicide really looks like.

THE STROLLER: Your Bearcat wants you to learn to say no

Lately, I have noticed I have a huge problem: I have yes-man syndrome.

I cannot say no to people. It is like I am Ella from “Ella Enchanted,” especially when it comes to the two people who only talk to me when they want something.

What can I say? I am a sucker for cute boys.

I am not the only one with this problem. Many of my friends do not seem to have the two letter

word in their vocabulary for various people or organizations.

But the truth of the matter is, it is not healthy.

When you say yes to everything, you put yourself at risk for mental and emotional stress, which is about as healthy as drinking pure corn syrup.

So why do we do it to ourselves? We are only setting ourselves up for failure.

For me, it is because I am so

scared those two boys will stop talking to me. I think maybe if I show my support and help them every time they ask, I might stand a chance of actually getting a date.

Yes, I am aware of how desperate this makes me look.

For others it is because they do not want to let anyone down. The irony is that by saying yes to everything, they are going to let everyone down, including themselves.

By promising to do something for everyone, something is bound to slip through the cracks.

However, it is easy to see where these people’s priorities lie. Take a good look at who you cannot say no to.

Is it your family?

Maybe you are like me and you cannot refuse the people you want to date? We all have that one person or group we cannot say no to.

The solution to yes-man syndrome is small. Start saying no to things. Start off small. When asked for a small favor you know you cannot do, say no. Tell them that you cannot.

If they are true friends they will understand.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.



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Alumna Lisa Gruenloh returned to Northwest to advocate for her non-profit, Seeing Purple. The movement focuses on students seeking to understand other perspectives rather than shutting them down. ANNASTASIA TUTTLE | NW MISSOURIAN

Bearcats learn to see in purple

MEKA WRIGHT
Missourian Reporter | @NWA&E

Bearcats learned what it really means to “see purple” Monday night with purple bracelets, presentations and purple pens, but this was not the only “seeing purple” to be discussed that evening.

With the help of Northwest Student Senate, President of Purpose Journey Inc. Lisa Gruenloh, who is also a Northwest alumna, presented the reality check of a lifetime: “Seeing Purple: Being the Change You Want to See in Advocacy, Work and Life.”

“What does it mean to see purple?” Gruenloh asked.

She explained seeing purple is about taking the time to see

other perspectives, to explore opportunities for common ground and to focus on your emotional intelligence. But the real question is when and where do we as community need to see purple.

Gruenloh’s non-profit focuses on pushing for common ground within our politics, government, business and local communities. She is the citizen leader of No Labels, an organization located in Washington D.C. that encourages citizens to put pressure on bi-partisan elected officials to work together and ultimately “see purple.”

She explained that achieving this common ground is an effort that will take more than just acknowledging there are problems within our communities and even

our countries. She said we need to take the first steps ourselves.

“You cannot change an organization...an institution. You have to change people, one at a time. And you cannot change people, but inspire them to change,” Gruenloh said. “Starting with yourself is the only thing you can control.”

Students listened intently as she discussed how to start with yourself and heighten emotional intelligence (EQ).

Self awareness, social awareness, self management and relationship management are the basis of EQ. She discussed that the importance of EQ is more than just finding common ground. Having a healthy EQ could even determine what job opportunities can be

presented to someone.

Gruenloh broke down the parts of EQ.

Self awareness is being able to acknowledge your flaws and weaknesses. Social awareness is being able to show empathy and the ability to read body language of others. Self management is learning to control impulsive decision making, managing relationships and having good communication skills and using them productively.

Gruenloh conducted the students through her EQ reality check. With her instructions, the audience filled out the handout of their own reality checklist.

First, they answered the prompted questions, which asked them to determine when they were a

part of the common ground problem and when they have been affected by the problem.

Then, recalling a disagreement between a loved one and how it was handled, they evaluated the answers and determined where EQ was strengthened or weakened. Gruenloh wrapped up with a review of what seeing purple meant and why EQ is so vital to the movement.

“Understand before judgement,” Gruenloh said. “Ask questions with sincerity... empathy and acceptance, and share from the heart.”

Gruenloh asked those who were interested in furthering their EQ and stepping forward with the movement to join No Labels or to take the Purple Pledge at www.seeingpurple.com.

A tale as old as time returns to big screen

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Kids from the 90s are living in a new golden age of Disney as the company revives its classics in new, live-action remakes, including “Beauty and the Beast.”

With an all-star cast playing favorite characters such as Belle, Gaston and Lefou, “Beauty and the Beast” has surpassed expectations at the box office, making \$170 million on its opening weekend, Anthony D’Alessandro from deadline.com said. There is no surprise why many people who watched the originals are now having children of their own to take to these films.

“The fact that most of the kids who grew up watching the originals are either adults with kids of their own, or getting to that stage in life, probably has an impact on the timing as well,” freshman Jasmine Baczkiewicz said. “Depending on a person’s perspective, it can be a great way to get a new take on movies we love and grew up with and give the next generation a gateway into our experiences.”

However, Baczkiewicz felt like this might be the sign of Disney running out of ideas.

“Honestly, there are only so many princess movies you can make without things becoming repetitive. A lot of the recent Disney films that have gotten attention have either been sequels to older films, or live action remakes,” Baczkiewicz said.

Others disagree.

“Disney is one of the most powerful brands in the world,” sophomore Terry Johnson said. “They are still creating new movies and stories all the time, so to think they are running out of ideas is a small-minded thought.”

Still, this has not stopped people from loving the new era of Disney movies.

“My favorite part of the film was ‘Be Our Guest.’ It had a ‘Fantasia’ feel to it. It was an attractive scene,”

Johnson said.

For other viewers, it was more than just the music that caught their attention.

“I love Emma Watson’s take on Belle. I didn’t exactly picture her as Belle at first, but she really took on Belle’s character,” freshman Blaire Barclay said.

While remaking movies is not a new concept, many find it refreshing that Disney is not remaking “Cinderella” again. Disney made a live action remake of “The Jungle Book” and rumors are spreading that Disney will be turning other classics, such as “The Little Mermaid” and “Mulan,” into live action movies as well.

“I would like to see a live action ‘Brave.’ Being of Irish descent and

thinking Merida is the best and most underrated princess in Disney history, it would just be incredible to see. I also think ‘Brother Bear’ would be really great,” Johnson said.

Baczkiewicz does not care, as long as Disney maintains the integrity and storyline of the original movie. But if she got to pick which movie would be made into a live action movie next, she would choose either “Hercules” or “Aladdin.”

Overall, it is an interesting time for Disney fans to see their favorite childhood characters brought to life. Whether this is the beginning of a new golden age of Disney or the beginning of the end, the classics will live happily ever after.

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Softball freshman does it all

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Each new season brings fresh faces to a team, but one freshman softball player is already making a name for herself.



The softball season is only half-way over, and freshman utility player Kaitlyn Weis has established herself as one of the strongest power hitters on the Northwest team this year.

Weis is leading the Bearcats in a number of hitting categories this season. As of April 4, Weis' batting average was .390, and she had a total of 27 runs scored off 41 hits. She also has a slugging percentage of .743, which is the highest on the Northwest team and third highest in the MIAA.

Weis is also leading her team in home runs, with nine so far this season. Weis is in a three-way tie for second place in this category in the MIAA with Morgan Heard and Tori Collet, both from Central Oklahoma. Weis also has the most total bases (78) and doubles (10) for Northwest.

Coach Ryan Anderson said Weis has done a great job of staying focused and making the most of every pitch she is given.

"At the plate she goes up there to have good at bats," Anderson said. "When she swings she's going to go after it, and she swings hard, and that's what we want out of every kid. If she can maintain that then it's definitely going to be in our favor."

This dominance is impressive from any hitter, but what makes her accomplishments more noteworthy is her ability accomplish them in her first year as a college athlete.

"The freshmen are coming in just swinging at strikes, and mentally they haven't been through a whole season yet," Anderson said. "The upperclassmen have been here before and they are the ones who have to make the adjustments, but they are also the ones that know how to do that."

Weis is originally from Gretna, Nebraska, a small town southwest of Omaha. She graduated from V.J. and Angela Skutt Catholic High School in 2016, where she played for the 2013 Nebraska Class B State Championship softball team. In her senior year of high school, Weis was named First Team All-Conference and Second Team All-Class B, as well as earning All-Omaha honors.

Weis said that transitioning



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Freshman Kaitlyn Weis wind up for strike in the Bearcats' 11-0 and 4-2 win against Central Missouri April 1. Weis recorded one hit in the double-header.

from high school to college softball has been pretty easy, but the one thing she has had to work on is time management.

"In high school we only had one season, and we had the summer to work out and prepare for the season," Weis said. "That has been pretty chal-

lenging but I also really enjoy it."

Weis said when she was going through the recruitment process to decide where she wanted to go to school, she was instantly attracted to the atmosphere at Northwest.

"I liked the campus a lot, and it's just one of those things where I felt like I belong here," Weis said. "I could see myself walking to class and around campus, and I could really see myself being here for four years."

Anderson said when he first saw Weis play in high school, he noticed she could play just about any position.

"I needed another kid that could come in and be a backup up the middle, play some outfield or even pitch," Anderson said. "Just the fact that she was a utility player made us take a look."

Weis said so far she has really enjoyed playing at Northwest and she is very happy with her decision. By far, the best part for her has been the community and support she has found among her fellow Bearcats.

"I like the people here a lot," Weis said. "I've made some really good forever friends. I like to meet new people and get to know them, so that had probably been my favorite part about Northwest."

Recreation center hosts Nerf football

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Football has undergone a transformation at Northwest with the annual intramural Nerf flag football tournament.



The Northwest Student Recreation Center hosted the Nerf 4v4 flag football tournament April 5.

Nerf flag football is played the same as regular flag football. The goal is to chase the ball carrier and attempt to pull off his or her flag belt. The twist with Nerf flag football is that it is played with a miniature Nerf football.

Not only is the ball hard to

catch, but precision passing when throwing poses another obstacle. This creates interesting situations for those who play.

Eleven teams total signed up to compete in the tournament, which consisted of 10 men's teams and one women's team.

The ideal tournament would have an equal number of women's and men's teams, but not enough women signed up for that to happen.

Women who did sign up were given the option to add a male to their team if they did not have enough female participants.

The original plan was to require one woman per team, but the signup

numbers shifted the decision in another direction.

This event was not originally included in "Late Night at the Rec," but if the reviews are good and those who participate enjoy playing, it could be added for next year.

"Our goal for Late Night (at the Rec) is to keep as many people happy as possible and to keep them coming back," Brook Byland, graduate assistant for Intramural Sports Tournaments, said. "If this gets good enough feedback, it could be implemented in the future."

That could very well be the case. Above all, flag football has become a regular for Northwest students.

The intramural interest has grown in the sport and usually gets the best turnouts on campus.

"Flag football is one of our biggest leagues," Byland said. "A lot of people like it. It's competitive and all of the participants have fun with it."

Upcoming events with the Student Recreation Center include Sand Volleyball, which is played behind Hudson and Perrin dormitory, and Hungry Hungry Hippos, which was already featured once this academic year at "Late Night at the Rec" in October.

Next year, students get to look forward to events such as ping pong, badminton, racquetball, bubble soc-

cer and disc golf, to name a few. There are up to 15 intramural tournaments for students to participate in for next school year.

"We just want participation. We want people using the rec center and being active," Jesse Perez, grad assistant for Intramural Sports Tournaments said.

Team signup has already come and gone, but for future participation, students may sign up for next year's event by creating an account on IM-Leagues and signing their team up for the next time it becomes available.

The Student Recreation Center is open to suggestions from students for sports not yet offered at Northwest.



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SPORTS BRIEF

Former Bearcats
selected to MIAA
Hall of Fame

Two former members of Bearcat Athletics were selected to the 2017 MIAA Hall of Fame class April 3.

Former head men's basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer and former football defensive end Aaron Becker were selected among the group of 11 inducted.

Tappmeyer led the Bearcats to seven MIAA championships from 1989-2009. He is the all-time leader in wins, with 408 victories.

Becker arrived at Northwest in 1996 from Millard South High School. He was a member of the 1998 and 1999 Division II National Championships. He finished his career ranked No. 3 in tackles for loss with 41.0.

The two will be officially inducted June 5 at the Kansas City Public Library.

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Reuter also said the first week of action gives the girls an accurate gauge of where everyone is where the team needs to go.

"It's good to know where we stood, where we are at and what we need to work on to move forward," Reuter said.

After an intense week of work, the only casualties the Spoofhounds picked up were concussions from seniors Meghan Yarnell and Kaylie Spire.

Spire picked up her injury due to a corner kick mishap. The good news for the Spoofhounds is that Spire is expected to not miss any playing time and should be in the starting 11 come April 7 against Bishop LeBlond.

"You have got Spire in the back and she's been dealt a pretty tough hand this year," Rueter said.

In the center back position, Spire is on foreign grounds. After competing with a back four consisting of graduated Jacqueline Ware and Leah Jasinski, and junior Annika Johnson, the match was made in heaven.

With Ware and Jasinski past graduation, the transition has been one of the toughest in her career, but also surprisingly fruitful in leadership.

"It's making me step up," Spire said. "I have to rely on younger players, so it makes me a bigger player and person."

Outside midfielder Yarnell is still going through her concussion protocol and will be evaluated after the tournament at Excelsior Springs April 10-12.



Senior Kaylie Spire prepares to kick onto the field in the Spoofhounds' 4-1 win against the Savages March 30.

ALEXIS GEISERT | NW MISSOURIAN



Junior Rider Hayden Smith sports a rally at Cable Park. Smith is a part of the Bearcat Wake club on campus.

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Bearcat Wake works with two companies that have chosen to sponsor the group in its short history.

The group is partnered with Epic Wetsuits and PHYSX Clothing. Both companies are based in California.

Bearcat Wake otherwise relies on fundraisers to help pay for its equipment. The group recently raised \$1,500 through a Flapjack Fundraiser.

The money donated is being used toward the operations of the club. Those payments include gas

and entry fees to competitions.

"It's a lot of money," Smith said. "It's an expensive sport."

Bearcat Wake's next goal is finding a sponsor for a boat. The club uses a boat belonging to Smith's family, which is stored in the Kansas City area.

Having access to a boat in Maryville would allow the team to practice at Lake Mozingo numerous times a week. It also secures the club's future following Smith's graduation in 2018.

"It's a lot of wear and tear when

you have 15 people riding your boat every day," Smith said. "If we can find a cheaper boat that just gets us out on the water, it would be awesome."

Students interested in joining are preferred to have past wakeboarding experience. Members are also required to have access to their own wakeboard and life jacket.


"If you guys are down to hang out with us, we are down to have fun on a boat, listen to some loud music and do what wakeboarders do," Smith said.



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ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

SPOOFHOUNDS



Jay Hrdlicka



The sophomore catcher was 4-of-4 at bat with six RBIs in a 11-4 victory over Pittsburg State April 2. Hrdlicka hit three home runs and drew one walk.

Taylor Blackford



The junior pitcher led the Bearcats to a pair of shutout victories over Southwest Baptist and Central Missouri. Blackford threw a combined 11 innings, striking out six while allowing six hits.

Elijah Green



The senior thrower placed first in discus hitting a 149-10 mark at the Lathrop Invitational March 28. Green also finished as best in shot put, with a distance of 45-1.

Kaylie Spire



The senior center-back scored one goal in Maryville's 4-1 victory over Savannah March 30. The win gave the Spoofhounds their second win of the season.

Tennis sticks to the basics

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As the Maryville High School boys tennis season starts to unfold, the Spoofhounds are off to a hot start in the Midland Empire Conference. Maryville (2-0) has brought home a couple of wins in its first two matches against conference opponents, most recently beating Lafayette 9-0. Coach Nicole McGinness has liked what she has seen from her team so far. “The team has worked well together,” McGinness said. “Each match has been a different group of doubles players. The team has stepped up and done well; they always give each match everything they have. I can’t ask for more than that.”

Along with McGinness, junior Peter Kempf knows that the MEC is filled with talent, and he knows what it takes to compete. “I’m really going to focus on consistency, especially in my second serve and again with every shot,” Kempf said. “There is some good competition in the MEC this year, and I’m aiming to have some good matches with them.” With conference opponents heavy on the schedule, McGinness is getting back to the basics with her team. “The focus is mostly on fundamentals: forehand, backhand, serving and volleys,” McGinness said. “The rest comes with the matches. We can discuss strategy, but actually being in a match and experiencing it firsthand helps the most.” It can be difficult to get practice time in with such a short and busy season, but McGinness says that this team makes time for tennis. “These boys are completely dedicated to tennis,” McGinness said. “They will go out and hit at



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Sophomore Peter Kempf lunges for a forehand during his singles match against Bishop Leblond. The results of this match were not ready in time of publication.

8 p.m. after school and after practice, or you will see them out on the courts over the weekend. They truly love the sport and want to be the best they can.” Kempf knows that with the great quality of teams and individuals coming up on the schedule, he will have to be sharper. “In both of my first matches, I’ve started out pretty slow,” Kempf said. “Nearing the ends of both of them I definitely started to settle

down. Once I just got to playing tennis, I started to do a lot better. During matches I just try to think about every shot, moving my feet and getting into position.” With matches against St. Joseph schools Bishop LeBlond and Benton looming, McGinness reflects on the competition. “Our toughest opponent this year will be LeBlond,” McGinness said. “We played them twice in the regular season, once in a tournament and

once in the district championship and lost all four times last year. They were our only losses. LeBlond only lost its No. 1 player, so they will be tough competition this year again.” The Spoofhounds will host another MEC rival in Cameron April 10 at 4 p.m. McGinness says Kempf and senior Brady Archer both look to be top contenders during the season and into the district tournament. Along with Kempf and Archer, ju-

nior Chance Hermelink is another player to watch against Cameron. The results of Wednesday’s rescheduled match against LeBlond were not provided to the Northwest Missourian upon print.

NEXT GAME

Tennis Tournament @ Cameron High School

April 7 @ 8 a.m.

MEC matchups to tilt season outcome



HANNAH WOODSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Tomas Coalson works on batting techniques in practice April 5.

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Maryville baseball hopes to get back into the groove of being on the field with highly anticipated matchups against conference rival Cameron. The Spoofhounds (2-2) are seeking vengeance in their back-to-back matchups. They suffered a 6-3 loss to the Dragons (4-2) in a preseason scrimmage March 17. For the Maryville athletes, these matchups have been on their minds since the first crack of the bat in the new season. Along with the help of the rain, the anxiousness of the conference matchup continues to grow, and with it comes the players’ hunger to play. “The boys are going to definitely come out all fired up and ready to go for this game,” coach Monica Woods said. “One of their goals for this year is to win conference, so they want to start out on the right track.” Last year, the Spoofhounds split the series for the season 1-1 as they dominated the first game. Maryville was able to boast a 14-0 victory with

the help of an eight-run first inning. The second outing against the Dragons proved to not be as successful. Maryville fell 7-5 in the Excelsior Springs tournament. To combat last year’s result, senior Tomas Coalson preaches the idea of not being scared to swing the bat early and not being afraid of swiping a base or two. “We have to be aggressive at the plate. Cameron is going to put runs on the board and has a sound defense,” Coalson said. “So if we are aggressive and try to get on base, and are aggressive on the base path, we will be fine.” Cameron poses as a small road block to the Spoofhounds as they set their sights on the ultimate prize: a conference championship. For Maryville, this has been a set-in-stone goal since the beginning of the season, and the Spoofhounds will stop at nothing until it is accomplished. In order for the Spoofhounds to accomplish this feat, they know the importance of the Cameron games and the stipulations that follow them if they are able to start conference play off 2-1 or 3-0. “Our conference, I think, is very competitive. All the competition is good competition,” Woods said.

“Any time you come away with a win it’s good, and will help us improve down the line.” Though the competition is familiar to the Spoofhound squad, the situation could not be more different than past years. The rain has forced each of the teams indoors, causing them to have very minimal amounts of live pitching during practice. “It kind of stinks to say the least, because it may not be our first game, but it kind of feels like it since there is a two week break,” Coalson said. “It’ll be tough getting settled in. The first couple of innings might be rough, but hopefully after that we will be all settled in and ready to go.” To start off the two-game set, the Spoofhounds and the Dragons will face off at the Kansas City T-Bones ball park, also known as Community America Ballpark, April 6 at 4:30 p.m. The second game of the set will be held at Cameron High School April 8 at 4 p.m.

NEXT GAME

Maryville vs Cameron @ Community America Ballpark in Kansas City, Kansas

April 6 @ 4:30 p.m.

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	Lindenwood.....	19-14	12-9		Southwest Baptist.....	25-11	9-5		Washburn.....	8-7	3-4	
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Youthful Bearcat emerges as Division II best



Sophomore Sergi Fontcuberta takes a backhand swing in return in the men's 6-1 win against University of Missouri Kansas City March 1. Fontcuberta defeated Uldis Gaismins 7-4 in the singles match.

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Since arriving on scene at one of the top Division II tennis programs in the country, sophomore Sergi Fontcuberta has already etched his name into Northwest's rich history.

Fontcuberta has ripped through all 2017 competition with ease, boasting a 26-2 record in both singles and doubles, along with a perfect 13-0 singles record.

His mark on the Division II tennis world positions him as the No. 41 ranked player in the country.

Former athlete and Graduate Assistant Alvaro Riveros has taken notice of Fontcuberta's excellent play, and praises him for the special burst of energy he brings to the team.

"He's been playing really well," Riveros said. "He's one of the guys we care about the most because he wins his match, and he does it fast. That gives everybody energy, so we are really happy with what he's done for our school."

The Palleja, Spain native possesses talent that most young tennis players only dream of. What takes Fontcuberta's skill set to a new level is his mental stamina.

"His mental toughness is very strong," Riveros said. "One of the best parts about him is how coachable he is. Sometimes he needs just a little bit of a push."

As a freshman, Fontcuberta assumed the No. 3 spot in the varsity lineup. Though faced with a challenging position, Fontcuberta proved to be a valuable asset to the team's 2016 Elite Eight appearance, ending his season with a combined 20-5 singles record.

Fontcuberta was also named the MIAA Freshman of the Year as well as the ITA Central Region Rookie of the Year.

"Before he came here, we already knew how good he was," Riveros said. "As a sophomore, he is already a leader and could be a solid No. 1 for our team anytime."

During his matches, Fontcuberta remains one of the best due in part to his consistent mental game. He treats every practice routine the same as he would an actual match.

"I try to focus on my game," Fontcuberta said. "It starts with a lot of pressure because I know the players are good in the No. 2 position, so I just try and focus on my ground strokes, my forehand, my backhand and my serve."

Former Graduate Assistant Luis Altimires convinced the talented superstar to attend Northwest Missouri State and played a major factor in the sophomore's double talent as well.

Altimires was regarded highly as a doubles specialist, finishing his Bearcat career ranked No. 12 in Division II with partner Sergio De Vilchez. Fontcuberta has collected a career doubles record of 31-9.

Over the summer, Fontcuberta tries to play every day, as well as two or three times a week when on vacation.

The 6-year-old Fontcuberta began his career in Torredembarra, Spain with temperatures reaching 99 degrees Fahrenheit and above.

Though his mother, Marta Fontcuberta, worried about her son practicing in such harsh conditions, it was his father, Francesc Fontcuberta, who pushed the rising star to be the talented Bearcat he is today.

"My father was a key person," Sergi Fontcuberta said. "He pushed me to be better and better, and pinned me against some of the best players in the region. I'm happy I reached that."

Sergi Fontcuberta has only one sibling, sister Aina Fontcuberta.

"She is everything to me," Sergi Fontcuberta said. "I love her so much and she's always bringing the good energy to me and the family."

As the sophomore still has three regular season matches remaining in this season, Sergi Fontcuberta already sees himself as next year's top player in an already dangerous Bearcat squad.

NEXT GAMES

Missouri Western @ Northwest
April 6 @ 3 p.m.

Northwest @ Northeastern State
April 7 @ 3 p.m.

Northwest @ Central Oklahoma
April 8 @ 10 a.m.

Missouri Valley @ Northwest
April 9 @ 1 p.m.

Records fall while athletes gain much needed momentum

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Following multiple strong outings at the first home meet of the outdoor season, Northwest track and field found itself in a position to capture momentum.



In order to do so, Northwest would need to continue its streak of strong, individual performances that allowed numerous performers to set NCAA provisional marks over the past two weeks.

Not only did individual performers carry momentum into this past weekend's meets, but they did so while setting multiple school records.

Junior Sammy Laurenzo broke the school record in the 10,000-meter event at the San Francisco Distance Carnival April 1. The record, which was previously held by Kathy Kearns, was good enough for an NCAA provisional mark after Laurenzo recorded a time of 36:55.38.

With a strong finish in San Francisco, Laurenzo picked up where she left off after an eighth-place finish at the MIAA Indoor Championships Feb. 26.

If consistency is what Northwest is looking for in its athletes, then it needs to look no further than junior Nicole Hopkins. In her first meet of the season at the Emporia State University Spring Twilight, Hopkins broke the javelin school record with a throw of 141-11 feet.

Over the course of the past year, Hopkins has emerged as one of the more consistent performers on the team. However, the road to get there was not forged overnight.

"I work out with the sprint group in the offseason and throw multiple times a week with coach to fix any problems with my form," Hopkins said. "Jacob (Beckemeyer), our other javelin thrower, has been such a lifesaver to practice with and critique my form."

Hopkins returned to Emporia State for the ESU Relays April 1, where she reset her own javelin school record, this time with a throw of 148-9 feet. In addition to setting the school record, Hopkins' throw also placed third nationally while setting a NCAA provisional mark.

On the men's side, junior Brandon Phipps set a NCAA provisional mark in the 10,000-meters event at the San Francisco Distance Carnival. His time of 30:34.39 was good enough for second in his heat and 22nd overall.

The following day, sophomore Brayden Clews-Proctor left his mark at the ESU Relays. His time of 8:37.21 in the 3,000-meter run was good enough for second place. Following Clews-Proctor's performance was a strong outing by Northwest's 800-meter runners, four of which finished in the top 13.

While early returns have been favorable, Hopkins knows the team still has plenty of room left to improve.

"Our team looks really good so far, and it will take a few more meets to really show the abilities of all the athletes on our team," Hopkins said. "We are just beginning our season, and have plenty of time to improve everywhere."

After solid performances in its first four meets, Northwest returns home with hopes of prolonging its hot start. In its first meet at Northwest, rain and unfavorable conditions limited spectators' attendance.

"We are all just ready to show what we can do, and there's no better place to do it than home, where everyone feels most comfortable," Hopkins said. "We are hoping the community comes to support both track and field events."

NEXT GAME

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Baseball stars begin to shine

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Northwest baseball had a dominating road series sweep of Pittsburg State was highlighted by two standout performances.



Senior pitcher Anthony Caenepeel got the ball rolling for the Bearcats (21-10, MIAA 10-8) with a masterful and record-breaking effort. Caenepeel struck out 14 Gorillas (13-22, MIAA 7-14), giving him a career record 225 strikeouts in a 7-0 Northwest win March 31. The previous mark was held by Scott Kurtz, with 223.

The senior has always had his sights set on this milestone.

“The record for strikeouts is one that I’ve always wanted to get,” Caenepeel said. “It was really special to do it in a complete game shutout. It’s always fun to look at the record books and see your name at the top.”

Caenepeel improves to a 5-4 on the season and was awarded MIAA Pitcher of the Week, becoming the third Bearcat pitcher to earn the accolade this season. The pitcher has been the No. 1 starter for Northwest’s formidable staff all season and sports the third-best ERA in the conference, at 2.53.

“He is the leader of that pitching staff,” coach Darin Loe said. “I think it just gives our guys confidence going into a weekend series knowing Anthony is going to give us a chance to win every time he takes the mound.”

Northwest had its most productive series of the season, with a combined 38 hits in three games. Sophomore catcher Jay Hrdlicka closed the series with a powerhouse performance in the team’s 11-4 win April 2. Hrdlicka went 4-4 with three home runs and six RIBs. Hrdlicka said that type of performance was a first for him.

“I had never hit two home runs in a game, let alone three,” Hrdlicka said. “It made it even better that I could help the team complete the weekend sweep.”

Loe said Hrdlicka can sometimes be the forgotten man in the

Bearcats’ offensive attack.

“He hits a little further down in our lineup behind the heart of the order, and I think some people can take him for granted,” Loe said. “He is a solid hitter and obviously had a career day Sunday.”

Hrdlicka also provides help for the stellar pitching staff of Northwest. Loe praised Hrdlicka’s ability to catch the hard-throwing pitchers he plays with.

“He catches both Hietpas and Caenepeel, and both those guys are hard-breaking ball guys and firm throwers,” Loe said. “He really does a good job of earning them more strikes with the way he receives the baseball.”

Northwest also earned a comeback victory at Nebraska-Kearney 5-4 April 4. The Bearcats won on a walk-off double from senior outfielder Kolby Greenslade after being down 4-1 in the fourth inning.

Northwest is 10-5 since being swept in its opening conference series at Northeastern State (17-12, MIAA 11-7) Feb. 24-26. The Bearcats can keep climbing up the conference standings, with an upcoming home series against Missouri Southern April 7-9. The Lions (20-15, MIAA 12-9) are right in front of Northwest in the standings. The Bearcats’ mentality down the stretch will be to just control what they can control.

“We’re trying to stay away from thinking about guys in front of us or guys below us,” Loe said. “Just rack up as many victories as you can and grind out the last twenty games of the year.”

Caenepeel sees success only continuing if Northwest sticks to what is working.

“We know that if we continue to go out and play our brand of baseball, we will give ourselves a chance to reach the levels we set out to reach at the beginning of the season,” Caenepeel said.

NEXT GAME
Missouri Southern at Northwest
April 7 @ 3 p.m.
April 8 @ 2 p.m.
April 9 @ 1 p.m.



HANNAH WOODSON | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior pitcher Anthony Caenepeel celebrates after a final out in the Bearcats’ 11-1 win against University of Nebraska Kearney

Bearcat Wake rides tide toward next goal

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Approaching its one year anniversary of official club status, Bearcat Wake continues to build momentum at Northwest Missouri State University.



Officially coming to life last April, Bearcat Wake is the only Division II wake boarding program in the region. This gives Northwest several chances to overpower larger schools.

The University of Missouri, Missouri State University and Kansas State University are schools with similar clubs in the area.

Bearcat Wake president Hayden Smith and vice president Zach Barr spent time wakeboarding together growing up and wanted to continue at the collegiate level.

They considered heading to one



Junior Zach Barr shows off a trick in the college wake open.

of the larger programs, but decided to choose Northwest because of a variety of reasons, which included its proximity to Lake Mozingo. However, they were going to have

to create a club themselves.

“We saw the lake five minutes off of campus,” Barr said. “None of the other schools have a lake like that off the campus. We saw a big

opportunity for us to start something here at the school.”

After arriving to Northwest in the fall of 2014, the two became accustomed to college life. Both decided to join the Delta Nu chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE).

Within TKE, others showed interest in becoming members of a wakeboard club.

“We started with a group of three or four guys who wanted to start the club,” Smith said. “Then, we branched out to other guys we knew in other fraternities, or just people that were independent and liked wakeboarding.”

As time went on, interest continued to grow as Smith and Barr decided to participate in an event held by Red Bull. The two competed in separate classes.

Smith took first in boat and third in cable while Barr took third in boat

and third in cable.

“The school didn’t even know we did this,” Smith said. “We were there to represent (Northwest). We wanted to start the club, get a feel for it and everything.”

Soon after, the process to become recognized by the Northwest Missouri State Student Senate began.

“They were kind of like ‘Wakeboard Club, that’s kind of hard to do,’” Barr said. “Then we opened it up and they went with it from that point.”

The club has 17 members. This compares to the seven on the Miz-zou Wakeboard team.

“This school has so much potential to put into this club that they don’t know it yet,” Smith said. “That is what’s cool about it.”

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Senior Kaylie Spire breaks away from Savannah defender March 30.

Soccer survives first test, sets sights on LeBlond

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As Spoofhound soccer recovers from its busiest week of the season, Bishop LeBlond arises as the newest challenge in the girls’ recent slew of matches.



Maryville (2-2) capped off a four-game stretch over five days, March 27-31, after a 2-0 defeat from 2015 Class 2 State Quarterfinal representative Springfield Catholic (6-0-1).

The Spoofhounds will be tested in their next match against Bishop LeBlond (2-2), a team coach Dale Rueter is no stranger to.

“We’ve known about them so we know them well,” Rueter said. “Along with that, they know us well. If we can limit their touches,

we will be fine.”

Sidney and Sommer Herner of the Golden Eagles broke two state records in a single game March 20. Sommer Herner netted 10 goals while partner in crime, Sidney Herner, recorded seven assists.

Their performances broke former state records of eight goals and six assists. The goals record was first set in 2006 and had been tied by three other players. The assist record was first set 26 years ago in 1991 and had been tied twice.

“We’re just going to have to play our best ball,” Rueter said. “They are fast and have great touches. If we go out there and play our best game, we will be fine.”

The Spoofhounds’ opening match of the season proved to be a disappointment after a 6-0 thump-

ing from Class 3 powerhouse Grain Valley (5-2).

Maryville did not dwell on the past for too long, ripping through a pair of MEC opponents.

The Spoofhounds etched a 4-0 victory over Lafayette (0-4 UP-DATE) to open up Maryville’s first win of the season.

In a 4-1 win over Savannah, Maryville had to battle the Midwest weather while experiencing consistent rain, a slick field and many muddy sections on the field.

“It’s hard to go through that many games in one week with one day’s rest,” Rueter said. “Also, it rained every day; it was cold weather.”

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